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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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Title:

MANUFACTURING METHOD OF ENDLESS

METAL BELT AND MANUFACTURING APPARATUS OF ENDLESS METAL BELT

Appl. No.:

10/644,087

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8/20/2003

Examiner:

Essama Omgba

Art Unit:

3726

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
  - a. Previously submitted:

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|                | b. Enclosed are: |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                | []               | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).   |  |  |  |  |
|                | []               | Information Disclosure Statement.  |  |  |  |  |
|                | []               | Form PTO-1449 with copies of listed reference(s).                              |  |  |  |  |
|                | []               | Other.   |  |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous: |                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | []               | Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 |  |  |  |  |
|                |                  | C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months.                                      |  |  |  |  |
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|                  | Claims as     |      | Previously   |     | Extra Claims  | S      | Rate     |   |            |
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|                  | Amended       |      | Paid For     |     | Present       |        |          |   | Fee Totals |
| RCE Fee 1.17(e): |               |      |              |     |               |        | \$790.00 | = | \$790.00   |
| Total Claims:    | 18            | -    | 20           | =   | 0             | x      | \$50.00  | = | \$0.00     |
| Independents     | 3             | -    | 3            | =   | 0             | x      | \$200.00 | = | \$0.00     |
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The filing fee is calculated below:

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

| []                              | Extension for response filed within the first month:  | \$120.00   | 0 | \$0.00     |  |  |  |
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| []                              | Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$450.00   |   | \$0.00     |  |  |  |
| [X]                             | Extension for response filed within the third month:  | \$1,020.00 |   | \$1,020.00 |  |  |  |
| []                              | Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,590.00 |   | \$0.00     |  |  |  |
| []                              | Extension for response filed within the fifth month:  | \$2,160.00 |   | \$0.00     |  |  |  |
| EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:         |   |            |   |            |  |  |  |
| EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -   |   |            |   |            |  |  |  |
| EXTENSION FEE TOTAL             |   |            |   |            |  |  |  |
| CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: |   |            |   |            |  |  |  |
| []                              | [ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):    |            |   |            |  |  |  |
| []                              | Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R.        | § 1.103(c) |   | \$0.00     |  |  |  |
|                                 | TC  | TAL FEE:   |   | \$1,810.00 |  |  |  |
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A credit card payment form in the amount of \$1,810.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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